

Beyond the Neon

Cultural Affairs Division
City of Las Vegas Department of Leisure Services
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June 2005 Calendar of Events

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Class Registration

Summer Registration: through June 9; classes June 14-July 24

Charleston Heights Arts Center

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center

250 North Eastern Avenue, **229-1515**

Reed Whipple Cultural Center

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

West Las Vegas Arts Center

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

Classes for adults and children are offered in a wide variety of arts disciplines, including painting, ceramics, dance, instrumental and vocal music, theater, and African cultural arts. Foreign language is available on a limited basis. Young people between the ages of six and twenty may enroll in Las Vegas Civic Ballet Association classes, which are taught at the Charleston Heights Arts Center.

Fees vary

A Night at the Movies

Estelle Neal Park

Rebecca Road and Tropical Parkway

Wednesdays, 8 pm

Bring blankets, lawn chairs, and a picnic and enjoy family cinema under the stars. Call **229-4614** for information.

June 1 *Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow*

Famous scientists around the world are disappearing, so reporter Polly Perkins (Gwyneth Paltrow) and ace pilot Sky Captain (Jude Law) risk their lives to stop the evil mastermind bent on world domination.

June 8 *Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events*

Three young orphans, who are looking for a new home, are taken in by a series of odd relatives and other people. Jim Carrey plays the cunning and dastardly Count Olaf.

June 15 *Finding Neverland*

Johnny Depp stars as playwright J.M. Barrie, the creator of *Peter Pan*. Barrie finds inspiration from his relationship with the four lively sons or widow Sylvia Llewelyn Davies (Kate Winslet).

June 22 *Charlotte's Web*

What child (or adult) is not entranced by the endearing – and enduring – story of the friendship between Wilbur the pig, Templeton the rat and, of course, Charlotte, the wise and wonderful spider?

Free admission

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2nd Annual Ansan Park Concert Series

Fridays, 7 pm

Ansan Sister Park

Alta and Buffalo Drive

Bring the family, blankets or lawn chairs and listen to live music. Picnics welcome or food vendor available. Call **229-4614** for information.

June 3 Derek Sholl

Country music by an up-and-coming guitarist/singer/songwriter.

June 10 The SpellCasters

Traditional blues music.

June 17 Ken Levine and Jump, Jive & Wail

Swing is hot!

Free admission

Rainbow Company Youth Theatre

Bridge to Terabithia

June 3, 4, 9, 10, 11 • 7 pm

June 5, 11, 12 • 2 pm

Charleston Heights Arts Center

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

This powerful adaptation of the Newberry Medal novel takes its audience on a journey of discovery, from a new-found friendship to a safe fantasy kingdom, startling tragedy and, finally, to unexpected strength and the magical power of shared dreams.

Tickets: \$7 adults, \$5 teens & seniors, \$3 children 12 & under

Lavay Smith and Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers

Saturday, June 4, 8 pm (gates open at 7 pm)

Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza in Lorenzi Park

West Washington Avenue, west of Rancho

Lavay Smith and Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers are considered one of the top swing and jump bands in the country. With her sultry vocals, chanteuse Smith and her all-star, eight-piece band perform original compositions and a large repertoire of classics by Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holliday, Bessie Smith, Dinah Washington, Count Basie and Duke Ellington. Call 229-1087 for information.

Tickets: \$10 advance, \$15 at the gate

Las Vegas Wind Quintet

Sunday, June 5, 3 pm

Reed Whipple Cultural Center

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

The quintet, featuring Dave Hawley, clarinet; Sherrie Parker, flute; Kelly Evans, oboe; Doug Beasley, horn; and Sam Pisciotta, bassoon, performs classical music.

Free admission, tickets required

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Second Saturdays

Saturday, June 11, 10 am-3 pm

Cultural Corridor

Las Vegas Boulevard North at Cashman Center Drive

June 11 inaugurates Second Saturdays, a special day of art, history and culture that will be held the second Saturday of each month in the downtown neighborhood that is home to the Lied Discovery Children's Museum, Las Vegas Natural History Museum, Neon Museum, the Reed Whipple Cultural Center, the Old Mormon Fort State Park, and the Las Vegas Library. The Old Mormon Fort, celebrating 150 years of history, hosts a grand opening of its visitors' center. Call **229-2496** for information.

Free admission

Watoto Book Club

Saturdays, June 11 and 25, 11 am-12:30 pm

West Las Vegas Arts Center

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

Young people ages 10-16 are invited to join the Watoto Book Club; book selections are based on an African-American curriculum. All educational material will be provided to students.

Free admission

Paul Rajeckas

Notes to the Motherland

Saturday, June 11, 7 pm

Reed Whipple Cultural Center

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

In a one-man tour de force reminiscent of Buster Keaton and Charlie Chaplin, Paul Rajeckas of New York's Movement Theatre, recreates the epic story of his family's escape from Nazi Europe. Playing every character, Rajeckas tells a heartfelt family saga that uncovers fear, shifting loyalties, anti-Semitism and betrayal.

Tickets: \$10 advance, \$12 performance day

100 Years Celebration... A Celebration of Swing

Adelaide Robbins: The Lady and Her Music

Sunday, June 12, 4-6 pm

West Las Vegas Arts Center

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

Adelaide Robbins has worked with some of the best musicians in the business.

Free admission

Award-Winning Animated Film Series

Thursdays, 2 pm

East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center

250 North Eastern Avenue, **229-1515**

June 16 *Ice Age*

Twenty thousand years ago, creatures everywhere were fleeing the onslaught of a new Ice Age. Four unlikely heroes, a dimwitted sloth (Sid), a woolly mammoth (Manny), a saber-toothed tiger (Diego), and an acorn-crazy squirrel (Scrat), reluctantly join forces to return a human child to its father. PG

June 3 *Monsters, Inc*

Discover the life behind the scenes of things that go bump in the night. The big, blue and fuzzy James P. Sullivan and his opinionated, one-eyed roommate Mike Wzowski are two professional "scare specialists." Their job is to harness the energy created when they make little kids scream, but complications arise when they accidentally let a little girl into their world. G

June 30 *Treasure Planet*

In this update of Robert Louis Stevenson's tale, Jim Hawkins, Long John Silver et al are swept into a galactic adventure.

Free admission

Downtown Cultural Series

Patricia Welch Sings Her Favorites

Friday, June 17, 12-1 pm

Lloyd D. George U.S. Courthouse

333 Las Vegas Boulevard South, **229-1087**

Multi-talented vocalist Patricia Welch returns to the courthouse for a solo performance of Broadway favorites, from *My Fair Lady* to *Phantom of the Opera*; piano accompaniment by Graef "Bud" Crystal. Bring a sack lunch or partake of the light refreshments available.

Free admission

Tumblewords

Dayvid Figler

Performance: Friday, June 17, 7 pm

Workshop: Saturday, June 18, 2 pm

Reed Whipple Cultural Center

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

Well-known Las Vegas poet Dayvid Figler presents an evening of readings about the history of Las Vegas and a writing workshop the following afternoon.

Free admission

The Poets' Corner

Friday, June 17, 7:30 pm

West Las Vegas Arts Center

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

Keith Brantley and Pendelita Toney host a forum for established poets and open mic participants.

Free admission

African Storytelling Children's Workshop

Leeboon, Lipoon: Everything in Life Has a Story

Saturdays, June 18 & July 2, 12-1 pm

West Las Vegas Arts Center & Amphitheatre

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

The young and the young at heart are invited to an afternoon of delight, wonder and self-discovery with master thespian and storyteller, Momar Talla Ndiaye. The workshop includes a film and an interactive one-man show.

Free admission

Juneteenth Celebration

Co-presented with the Anthony L. Pollard Foundation

Saturday, June 18, 4-9 pm

Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza in Lorenzi Park

West Washington Avenue, west of Rancho

Juneteenth commemorates African-American freedom from slavery. Enjoy cultural and educational activities, guest speakers, family-oriented fun, live entertainment, prizes, booths, traditional soul food, and kids' activities. Call **229-1087** for information.

Free admission

Daddy/Daughter Dance

Cosponsored by Univision Radio

Saturday, June 18, 7-11 pm

East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center Ballroom

250 North Eastern Avenue, **229-1515**

Fathers and daughters can create a memory that will last a lifetime. Pictures available for purchase. Refreshments served.

Tickets: \$3

Father's Day Big Band Concert

Don Burke Orchestra

Sunday, June 19, 7 pm (gates open at 6 pm)

Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza in Lorenzi Park

West Washington Avenue, west of Rancho

Celebrate Father's Day as the Don Burke Orchestra performs classic hits of the 1930s-'80s. Bring lawn chairs and/or blankets. Picnics welcome. Free hot dogs, chips, and soda while supplies last. Call **229-1087** for information.

Free admission

Old Time Barn Dance

Cosponsored with Southern Nevada Old Time Contra Dancers

Saturday, June 25, 7-10 pm

Charleston Heights Arts Center Ballroom

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

Callers and live fiddlin' music for square dancing, mixers, contras, waltzes and polkas. Free dance lesson at 6:30 pm! No partner or experience needed.

Tickets: \$6 adults, \$5 members, \$3 students and active military, children under 15 free

Dynamic Trombone Quintet

Sunday, June 26, 3 pm

Reed Whipple Cultural Center

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

Trombonists Walter Boenig, Hiroshi Suzuki and Nathan Tanouye and bass trombonist Dan Uhrich play new arrangements of old favorites. Their extensive repertoire ranges from classical to country.

Free, tickets required

IN THE GALLERIES

Indulgence

through June 5

Reed Whipple Cultural Center

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

Jerry Schefcik curates an exhibition of paintings, sculptures and photographs by contemporary local artists. Each of the works by Jose Bellver, Mark Brandvik, Tom Burke, Tom Coleman, Curtis Fairman, Jack Hallberg, Shawn Hummel, Angela Kallus, Jerry Misko, David Ryen, Mary Warner, Bob Wysocki and Yek reflects his/her individual passion for creating art. Call **229-4674** for information.

Free admission

Remembering Mexican Revolutionary Heroes

Argu

through June 28

West Las Vegas Arts Center

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

Artist Argu exhibits paintings in honor of Mexican Independence Day.

Free admission

An Exhibition in Diverse Media

Rita Deanin Abbey

through July 17

Charleston Heights Arts Center

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

Renowned Las Vegas artist and UNLV Art Professor Emeritus Rita Deanin Abbey exhibits a variety of work, ranging from acrylic on canvas and bronze wall relief to selected monoprints from her *MonteNegro Series*. Call **229-4674** for information.

Free admission

Las Vegas: 1905-1950

A Photographic Survey by Sarah Vinci

June 10-August 14

Reception: Friday, June 10, 5:30-7 pm

Reed Whipple Cultural Center

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

A fascinating "before and after" photographic survey features historic and contemporary photographs of Fremont Street and the surrounding downtown area.

Free

Call 229-4674.

Viva the Centennial: City of 100 Murals

through August 26

Bridge Gallery

City Hall, 2nd Floor, 4th Street and Stewart Avenue

Displayed are original mural renderings and other works by several artists involved in the creation of 100 murals for the city's centennial. Call **229-4674** for information.

Free admission

Occupied Space: Connecting Artists with Public Spaces

through June 2005

East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center

250 North Eastern Avenue, **229-1515**

Two- and three-dimensional works by local artists are on display throughout the facility. Call **229-4631** for information.

Free admission

Celebrating Life! Juried Senior Fine Arts Exhibition

Entries due: Thursday/Friday, July 7/8, 9 am-1 pm; Saturday, July 9, 10 am-noon

Exhibition: July 16- August 26

Reception and Awards Presentation: Saturday, July 16, 1-3 pm

Charleston Heights Arts Center

This annual fine arts competition, sponsored by the City of Las Vegas Arts Commission and the Department of Leisure Services Senior Citizen Programs Division, is open to all artists age 50 or older. Two- or three-dimensional works accepted. Call **229-6844** for criteria and details.

No charge for entries

Las Vegas Arts Connection

Cultural Affairs Division staff will present information about its programs to your business, organization or civic group. Call **229-1087** for information.

Free service

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